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GENEVA, FEBRUARY 7-MARCH 11, 1977

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1. IN FEBRUARY 18 MEETING WITH SALOUM KANDE, DIRECTOR OF
POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINSITRY,
WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM OCAM MEETING IN KIGALI, CHARGE MADE
DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL A. ORAL PRESENTATION STRESSED
PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND
US DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO
MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS. EMBASSY PROVIDED WRITTEN STATEMENT OF US HUMAN
RIGHTS POLICIES DRAWING ON REFTEL A, IN RESPONSE TO
REQUEST FROM KANDE, WHO WISHED TO BRIEF FOREIGN MINSTER
UPON HIS RETURN LATER IN DAY FROM EAST AFRICA AND TO FORWARD
APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO SENEGALESE DELEGATION
IN GENEVA, WHICH INCLUDES AMBASSADOR AMADOU MOCTAR CISSE
AND SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT KEBE MBAYE.

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2. INDICATION THAT US DESIRED TO AVOID SELECTIVE

APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATION DREW RESPONSIVE
COMMENTS FROM KANDE. HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT THAT
"OBJECTIVITY MUST PREVAIL." WHILE GOS DID NOT PLAN
MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES AT THIS TIME IN HUMAN RIGHTS
FIELD, HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE THAT SENEGAL SHOULD TAKE

MUCH STRONGER POSITION IN DISCOURAGING TENDENCY OF
AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO SPEAK OUT SELECTIVELY
AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HE NOTED PATTERN OF
CONCEMATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AFRICA
AND CHILE WITHOUT APPLYING SAME STANDARDS "TO GUINEA, FOR
EXAMPLE." ACCORDING TO KANDE, GOS IS RESOLVED TO
WORK ACTIVELY AGAINST APPLICATION OF THIS DOUBLE STANDARD.
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